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**REMARKS**

Applicants' attorney thanks the Examiner for her comments. Independent Claims 1, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended to recite affixing strands of elastic material in an untensioned state, according to page 3, line 22, for example. This amendment is submitted following a brief telephone conversation with Examiner Reichle concerning claim wording.

Applicants believe that the claims, as presented, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner detects any unresolved issue, then Applicants' attorney respectfully requests a telephone call from the Examiner, and a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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